Livestock in U.P.

†4654. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether livestock census has been done recently in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the present number of livestock particularly milch animals;

(c) the status of hybrid livestock species in the State; and

(d) the steps being taken to make improvement in numbers as well as species of livestock in the State by the Central and State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The 17th Livestock Census was conducted in Uttar Pradesh in 2003.

(b) As per the 17th Livestock Census 2003, the total livestock in the State are 58.5 million, out of which 15.9 million are milch cattle and buffaloes.

(c) The number of Crossbred cattle were 1.64 million, crossbred sheep 0.037 million and crossbred pigs 0.185 million.

(d) The Central Government is implementing the National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding (NPCBB) for genetic upgradation of bovine population in the State from 2002-03. Under the guidelines of NPCBB, Uttar Pradesh Livestock Development Board has been constituted to promote breedjng programme, adopt appropriate technology for improving breeding coverage and to render Artificial Insemination services at farmers doorstep.

The State Government has formulated a Breeding policy in 2000 and the breeds of Haryana, Sahiwal, Tharparkar, Gangateeri and Bhadawan Buffalo have been covered under Breed Conservation and Propogation Programme. In addition to this, indigenous breeds like Murrah and above mentioned breeds are also conserved at different State Livestock Farms.

WB's Suggestion for growing vegetables and flowers

†4655. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank in the name of free trade is

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insisting that the Indian farmers should grow vegetables and flowers instead of foodgrains;

(b) whether it is also a fact that not only our eco-system is likely to be affected but also the small foodgrain dealers, farmers, women and the downtrodden classes would have to starve as a result thereof;

(c) if so, whether Government are aware that the developed countries are likely to establish their monopoly over foodgrains as a result thereof; and

(d) if so, the remedial measure Government are contemplating?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) There is no proposal for growing of horticultural crops including vegetables and flowers through World Bank assistance.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) Government is implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes:

(i) Macro Management in Agriculture-Supplementation/ Complementation of State efforts through Work Plan.

(ii) Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal (TMNE). Under these Schemes assistance is being provided for development of horticulture including vegetables and flowers. Besides, Government is contemplating to launch National Horticulture Mission so that further focus could be given for development of these crops.

KVKs in NER

4656. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Krishi Vigyan Kendras set up, so far, in the North Eastern Region during the last three years;

(b) the details of target fixed for the setting up of KVKs in all the districts of NER during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the details of steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) During the last three years